

Appln No.

Amdt date January 4, 2005

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-11 are pending in the above-referenced application.

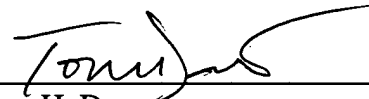
Claims 1-9 have been amended as indicated above and claims 10 and 11 added to further define Applicant's invention.

Applicant respectfully requests examination of the presently submitted claims before the next Office Action.

Should the Examiner find it necessary to speak with Applicant's attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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